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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/12/07

SPONSOR Garcia, MP LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 629

SHORT TITLE Hispanic Female Health Testing SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates: House Bill 630

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 629 would appropriate \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health (DOH) for fiscal year 2008 for the provision of health screenings for Hispanic women in the South Valley eighteen years and older who have no health care coverage. Services include: low-dose screening mammograms and high blood pressure, glaucoma, and diabetes testing. Services would be provided through a public health clinic. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation included in this bill is not part of the Department's FY08 operating budget request.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The South Valley of Albuquerque is an area of high need. Unemployment is 8.19% as compared to 5.74% in Bernalillo County as a whole. Poverty is higher at 46.5% in the South Valley as compared to 30.4% in Bernalillo County as a whole. (US Census, 2000 and Bernalillo County

Map Book <http://www.health.state.nm.us/pdf/ABQ-Health-and-Social-Indicator-Map-Book-v6a-e.pdf> ) Access to health care for adults is often tied to employment and even those adults who are working often are working at jobs in smaller businesses that do not offer health insurance.

Diabetes testing of the general population is not a recommended procedure according to the American Diabetes Association. Instead, initial screening for risk factors might be a better approach.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

The local public health offices do not possess equipment that would allow for glaucoma or breast cancer screening and these services may need to be contracted with local providers. Working through the DOH Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC) Screening Program might be an efficient method to deliver the mammography services. When women are diagnosed with breast cancer under the BCC Program, they may be eligible for a specific category of Medicaid that offers treatment and other health care services for the duration of the cancer treatment.

Contracts may need to be put in place for services the local public health office is unable to provide.

### **RELATIONSHIP**

HB 629 relates to House Bill 630, which would appropriate \$25,000 for services for males in Albuquerque's South Valley.